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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This response is in reply to an Office Action from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office dated December 17, 2002. Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the file of the above identified application.

Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement.

Three Month Extension. The shortened statutory period for reply, without extensions, expired on March 17, 2003. Therefore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), the Applicant hereby petitions for a three month extension of time to June 17, 2003, to respond to the Office Action.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fees to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed for such purpose.

This response follows the Revised Format now permitted by the USPTO.¹

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